

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: K. Y. Poon
HIDEYUKI MAKITANI	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/518,636	)	
	:	Conf. No.: 5830
Filed: March 3, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS	)	
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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows.

The amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 7.